

Delta Levee Investment Strategy Review

May 19-20, 2015



Delta Stewardship Council
Delta Science Program

2009 State of California Legislation

The Coequal Goals

- ☞ "'Coequal goals' means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place." (*California Water Code §85054*).

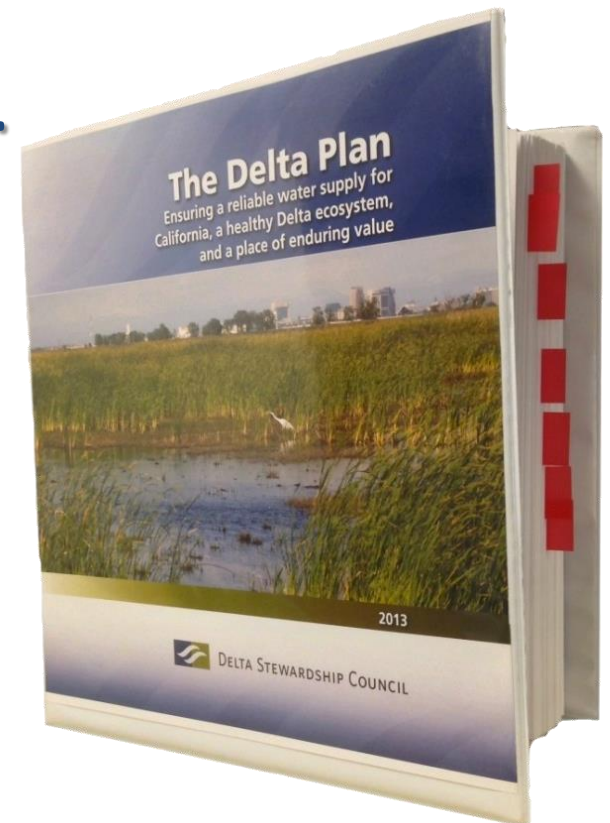
Delta Stewardship Council created to:

Develop an enforceable plan to achieve coequal goals of ecosystem restoration and statewide water supply reliability.

Adopted in 2013

14 regulatory policies

73 recommendations



“Through our joint federal-state partnership, and with science as our guide, we are taking a comprehensive approach to tackling California’s water problems...”

From July 25, 2012 Governor Brown and President Obama Administration joint announcement on California's water future.

“In carrying out this section, the council shall make use of the best available science.”

California Water Code § 85302(g)

Delta Science Program

Vision: All Bay-Delta water and environmental policy is founded on the highest-caliber science

Mission: To provide the best possible, unbiased scientific information for water and environmental decision-making in the Bay-Delta system

Objectives

- ◆ ***Support and facilitate*** research
- ◆ ***Synthesize*** scientific information
- ◆ ***Facilitate*** independent peer review
- ◆ ***Coordinate*** science
- ◆ ***Communicate*** science

Honest Broker of Science

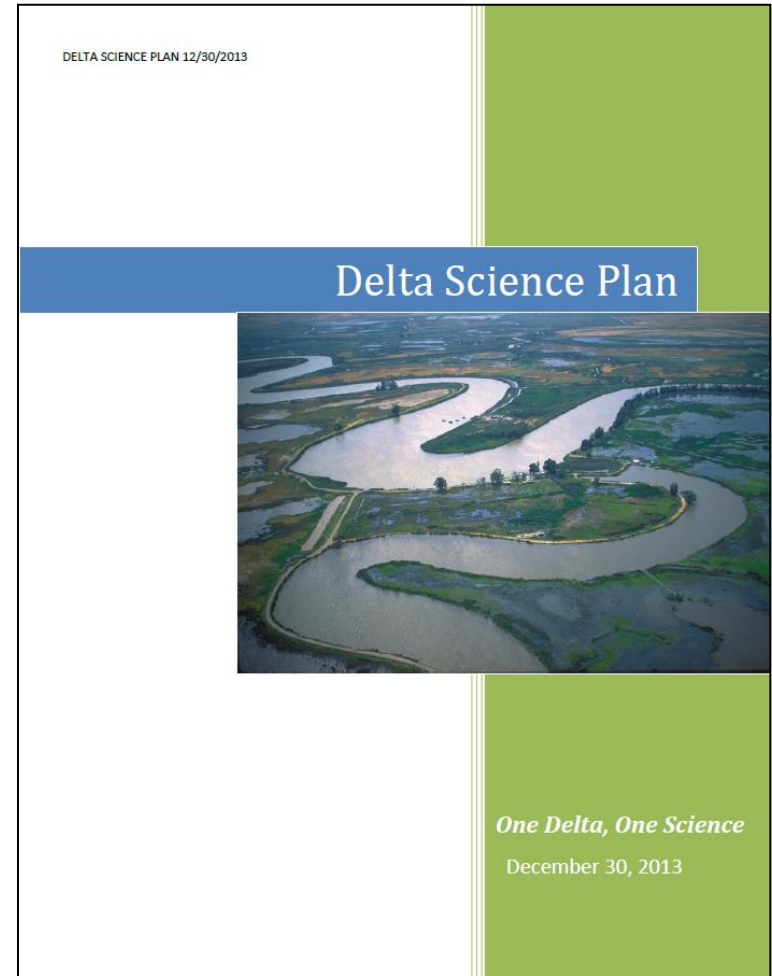


A Framework for Collaborative Science

Delta Science Plan *One Delta, One Science*



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A Transformed Culture

One Delta, One Science

- A common body of knowledge (including traditional knowledge)
- **Peer review and best available science**
- Technical support for adaptive Delta decision-making
- Shared priorities
 - credible, relevant, and legitimate
- Transparent and accessible data and tools
- Management of scientific conflict – embracing differences